

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on April 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 30, 3/30/2017
Executive Action: HJ 30 & HB 661

00:01:25 Rep. Funk joins meeting

HEARING ON HJ 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Rep. Dale Mortensen (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HJ 30, Interim study of livestock law enforcement.

00:04:44 Rep. Fleming joins meeting

00:06:31 Rep. Hamilton & Rep. Lenz joins meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:54 James Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:54 Rep. Hamilton

00:18:50 Rep. Mortensen

00:19:02 Rep. McKamey & Rep. Sheldon-Galloway joins meeting

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:17 Rep. Mortensen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 30

00:21:09 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HJ 30 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:21:19 Rep. Bennett

00:21:38 Rep. Staffanson

00:22:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Harris and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 661

00:22:29 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 661 DO PASS.**

00:22:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 661 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Harris and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

00:23:59 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 661 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:24:07 Rep. Bennett

00:25:05 Chair Redfield

00:25:10 Rep. Bennett

00:25:40 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HB 661 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:25:50 Rep. McKamey

00:25:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Harris and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

00:26:23 **Motion:** Rep. Staffanson moved that **HB 661 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:26:35 Rep. McKamey

00:28:04 Rep. Ricci

00:28:26 Rep. Sales

00:29:11 Rep. Ricci

00:29:27 Rep. Sales

00:30:16 Rep. Ricci

00:30:36 Rep. Curdy

00:32:07 Rep. Funk

00:33:09 Rep. Ricci

00:33:15 Chair Redfield

00:35:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 22-1 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Harris and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:37:11

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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